

Saskatchewan Provincial Emergency Operations Centre

Situation Report

Event: Trucker Freedom Convoy – Saskatchewan Legislative Building Demonstration

Location: Regina

Current as of: February 6th, 2022 20:00 hrs.

Notification Type: ☐ Initial ☒ Update ☐ Final

Notification #: 3

Pr-EOC Activation Level: 3b

Current Level	Operational Level Description
	Level 5 – Routine Operation, Local Response/Local or Municipal EOC activated
	Level 4 – Enhanced Operation, District Response/District EOC activated
X	Level 3b – Virtual Operation, Multi District Response (Key Ministries)/Pr-EOC activated
	Level 3a – Full Operation, Multi District Response (All Ministries)/Pr-EOC activated
	Level 2 – Provincial Response/Provincial EOC activated
	Level 1 – National/International Response/Provincial EOC activated

NOTE: Situation Reports are intended “NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION”, unless otherwise specified. If you have questions regarding the information contained in this report, please contact the sender. This situation report has been compiled with information valid at the time indicated above.

IRONMENT

CURRENT SITUATION

- **Weather:** Partly cloudy. 60 percent chance of light snow early this evening. Fog patches dissipating this evening. Wind becoming southwest 20 km/h this evening. Low minus 4. Wind chill minus 5 this evening and minus 10 overnight.
- A Trucker Freedom Convoy and protestor demonstration is occurring near the Saskatchewan Legislature buildings.
- The group is opposed to current COVID-19 mandates, and their intention is to occupy the space until a desirable resolution is reached.
- There are concerns regarding the occupation of the space, including traffic issues and potential public safety impacts.
- The Frost Festival is running concurrently in Regina from February 4th-10th.
- Agencies involved are the Regina Police Service, Provincial Capital Commission, Ministry of Government Relations, Ministry of Highways, Ministry of Environment, SaskBuilds and Procurement, and Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency.

- Regina Police Service (RPS) is Incident Command, with on scene commanders to report back to the Command Center, located at RPS Headquarters.
- Regina Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) is not currently activated.

Regina Police Service:

- 24 bylaw tickets were given to vehicles parked on Albert Street, Saturday evening.
- RPS Traffic members continue to monitor the protestors and traffic in and around the area.
- Continuing to support the Provincial Capital Commission with resources present at barricades.
- Allegation of egging during the night, but currently no active investigations.
- Media release in regards to ticketing to go out Monday, Feb7th.

Provincial Capital Commission:

- Working on resourcing additional support.
- Barriers continue to be manned, and a CSO is on site.
- Examining resource needs going into Monday and how long the barricades will remain in place.
- Send out messaging to employees regarding access into precinct on Monday with a reminder to staff to have ID cards on-hand.
- Ministry of Government Relations Communication Services will assist with messaging.
- Protestors planning on having a large bonfire and pig roast the evening of February 6th.

Corrections, Policing and Public Safety:

- Continuing to monitor the situation.

Ministry of Environment:

- As of 1 p.m. Sunday, officers are reporting no activity related to the demonstration/convoy.
- Two conservation officers have been requested to support the PCC manning barricades Sunday evening. (9 p.m. to 9 a.m. Monday).
- Two officers will be available for a 12-hour day shift on Monday, starting at 9 a.m.

SaskBuilds and Procurement:

- Considering adding second access on Hill/Memorial as a staffing access points.
- Staff must show government ID to enter.
- Offer to continue using the Powerhouse for on scene staff.

Ministry of Government Relations Communications:

- Media more focused on covering the FROST festival.
- An external media advisory is planned, to inform public that barricades will remain.
- Will send out internal communications to advise staff that barricades will remain in place, bring ID and plan more time to get into work in Monday morning.

- Festival goers instructed to park outside the perimeter and walk in.
- Lots of media inquiries regarding the barricades, as well as a request to RPS communications regarding alleged egging incidents.
- Press gallery has received communications email from Legislative Assembly, stating media must show credentials to get through checkpoints and access building.

Legislative Assembly

- Protesters indicating that they intend to make applications to have barricades removed.
- Staff are will be instructed to have government ID present and expect delays at barricades.
- Some meetings planned for tomorrow may be moved to Saskatoon.

Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency

- Have several non-enforcement resources available to assist with staffing, such as Emergency Services Officers, Emergency Response Team Members, and Protection Officers.
- Have equipment resources available such as the mobile command post, which is located in Prince Albert.
- Fire inspectors could possibly assist if required.
- If SPSA resources are required, resource requests can be submitted through PEOC planning.

CRITICAL ISSUES/CHALLENGES/PROBLEMS

Regina Police Service:

- Protestors were upset with tickets and verbally abusive, but no physical confrontations occurred.

Provincial Capital Commission:

- Monitoring Hill Avenue for protest traffic.
- Resourcing is a concern, however this is coming together. Any change in direction of barrier placement will impact resourcing.
- Legislative Building Manager is creating another entry for Monday morning staff – this has been communicated to RPS through the Watch Commander.

Corrections, Policing and Public Safety:

- SCAN Officers have limited authorities. The Special Constable Appointment would require updating to provide more authority.

Ministry of Environment:

- Staffing may become a challenge if the operation continues into next week.

Ministry of Highways:

- Concerns regarding Saskatchewan Highway Patrol Officers having the correct appointments to be on scene should enforcement actions be required.
- A request for assistance to the Provincial Response Team (PRT) is required to deploy their officers.

SERVICE/STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS

Provincial Capital Commission:

- Maintenance Enforcement may advise clients to attend from across Albert Street.
- Gov. of Sask. staff at Legislative Building, Maintenance Enforcement, Powerhouse and Walter Scott Building will be impacted into the coming week depending on the situation.
- Staff will need time off. Scheduling into next week is developed to allow time off with support from other enforcement personnel (Sask. Highway Patrol, Ministry of Environment, Corrections, Policing and Public Safety)
- Impact of RPS enforcement is unknown.

ANTICIPATED PRIORITIES

Regina Police Service:

- Continued priorities of public safety for all in and around the protest and PCC area.

Provincial Capital Commission:

- Continued safety for all officers and public in area.
- Emergency Vehicles access (EMS/Fire/Police) to Leg Building and Walter Scott buildings if the protest extends into the week.
- Emergency and public vehicle access through park from Hill Avenue to Lakeshore Drive to Broad Street, unless decision is made to limit that access point for duration of protest.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Regina Police Service

- Preparing for further enforcement action Sunday evening.
- Additional resources will be called in to assist as required, will be led by the Incident Commander.

Provincial Capital Commission

- Scheduling into the week based on needs and what other resources are available.

Ministry of Environment

- The Conservation Officer service will reassess the situation on Monday to determine how many additional resources can be provided into the week.

Ministry of Corrections, Policing, and Public Safety

- Safer Communities and Neighborhoods Special Constable Appointment being updated to allow enforcement of non-core responsibility statues. Can currently enforce The Safer Communities and Neighborhoods Act, The Witness Protection Act and The Civil Forfeiture Act, 2009.